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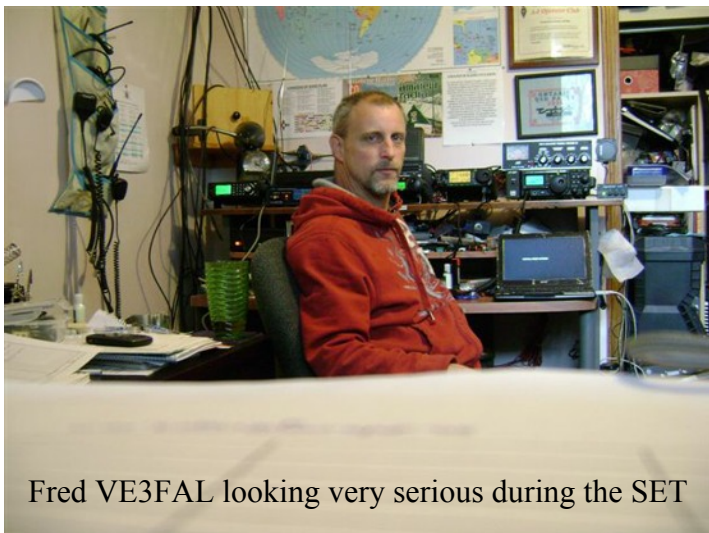
## **2012 S.E.T. REPORT**

On Sat. Oct. 13, 2012 was the date for the annual S.E.T. (simulated emergency test)

Myself, Bill VE3XT, Lori VE3VAI, & Karl VE3RRP, manned the VE3ONN station, at the Salvation Army Building. For this S.E.T. this station was our E.O.C.

Although the provincial S.E.T. was to start at 1000hrs, we were at VE3ONN at 0900 hrs. We started the day by using our phone tree to get a hold of our members. This was the first time using the phone tree so was a great exercise to see how it would work, and of course tweak it after using it. While phoning people we asked them to monitor our local repeater VE3YQT and to check in to the local net.

When the stations checked in we ask for their availability for this exercise. Out of about 24 members, we had 12 check in. We fired up our HF rig, vhf, and of course got our digital modes working. Bill VE3XT and I shared Net Control duties for the IRLP portion of the exercise. Karl VE3RRP did a great job of being Net Control for our local net. Lori VE3VAI started receiving & sending messages to Fred VE3FAL.



Fred VE3FAL looking very serious during the SET

The other stations that were activated were VE3SAO. Thank you Bob VE3RVA for manning that station. Also activated were the stations at our local hospital & the main North Central fire station, which is the City of Thunder Bay's E.O.C. It was great because we had some members who had never been to these stations before, go there and get them up & running. Thanks to Randy VA3OJ for showing Phil VE3AXL and Jeff VE3JTD the ropes.

We manned VE3ONN from 0900 till 1400, made lots of contacts on the IRLP, and our local nets, but nothing on HF. Very poor conditions prevailed most of the day on HF.

Lori VE3VAI and myself returned to VE3ONN again that night from 1900 to 2100 when the SET concluded. We checked into the IRLP net & also finally made contact on 40m with southern Ontario.

We have asked for some feed back from our members, so we can have a post SET meeting and discuss how the day went.

I would like to thank all those stations that checked in, those that went out to set stations up & of course those that helped me at VE3ONN. Also thanks to Lori VE3VAI for putting the other reports together.

Thank you,

Brad VE3MXJ CEC E.C. for the Thunder Bay ARES Group

P.S. Merv VA3TSA was not at VE3ONN station this year due to a illness, but we do thank him for all his support. Get well soon.

**LARC SENATE**

Keith Fiske VE3JQ SK  
Pat Doherty VE3PD  
Dave Kimpton VE3AVS  
Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD  
Terry Stewardson VA3LU  
Ed Baumann VE3SNW

**LARC EXECUTIVE**

**President - vacant**

**Vice President - vacant**

**Secretary - Jeff Cederwall  
VE3JTD**

**Treasurer -Paul Curtin VA3PDC**

**Directors**

Terry Stewardson VA3LU  
Lori Bedford VE3VAI  
Bill Unger VE3XT

**LARC Emergency Coordinator**

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**ABOUT US**

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to [ve3snw@shaw.ca](mailto:ve3snw@shaw.ca)

**Nets in the Thunder Bay Area**

**Sunday** AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team ( CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

**Monday** SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

**Tuesday** 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM ( usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

**Every Day** The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: [ve3mxj@rac.ca](mailto:ve3mxj@rac.ca)

**LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS**

**VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch**

**VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2**

**442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100**  
**144.390 APRS**

**VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)**

## **November HI-Q Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club 2012**

### **Lakehead Amateur Radio Club General Meeting Minutes October 11, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM President Randy Gottfried presiding.

#### **1. Presentation: Bill Unger VE3XT**

Bill gave a very understandable presentation on ¼ wave stub antennas and their uses and advantages

#### **2. Treasurers Report: Paul Curtin VA3PDC**

A motion was made by Paul to accept the Treasurers report as published in Hi Q.

The motion was seconded by Gerry Burney VE3BRN. The motion Passes

#### **3. Meeting Minutes: Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD**

The minutes will be published in the next issue of Hi Q and will be voted on at the next meeting.

#### **4.ARES: Brad Harris VE3MXJ**

The annual provincial simulated emergency test will be taking place Saturday, September 30, 2012. ARES members are asked to look for an email regarding the details of the SET. The ARES phone tree will be implemented during the SET

Members are asked to contact Brad or Karl Hamilton VE3RRP by email to get a copy of the "tree". A net will be held on the VE3YQT repeater VE3ONN will be net control. The fire hall and hospital are also to be activated.

#### **5.RAC: Bill Unger VE3XT**

Bill will look into RAC insurance for the club. Bill reports that membership in RAC is up and that the organisation is in the black.

#### **6.Public Service:**

Thank you to all volunteers that helped at the Thunder Bay Marathon as well as the CIBC run for the cure.

#### **7.Trailer: Bob Hansen VE3RVA**

Bob reports that the trailer will be stored at his house and that the traditional tarp will be used to cover it for the winter.

#### **8.Repeaters:**

A few problems still remain with YQT they are known and will be fixed shortly.

The APRS on VE3TBR is still down but the solution is being worked on and is hoped to be fixed by Christmas.

#### **9.New Business**

Terry Stewardson VA3LU Made a motion that the executives are to decide if the RAC insurance or the current provider is the better deal and then proceed to get said insurance. The motion was seconded by George Dow VE3DOW.

The motion passed.

Each director will take two months each as president of the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM

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### **Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes**

#### **September 13th, 2012**

President Randy Gottfred VA3OJ presiding

Meeting Called to order at 7:30PM

#### **1. Treasurers Report: Paul Curtin VA3PDC**

A motion was made by Paul to accept the treasurers report as published in Hi Q.

The motion was seconded by Terry Stewardson VA3LU.

The motion passed unanimously

#### **2. Meeting Minutes: Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD**

A motion was made by Jeff to accept the meeting minutes as published in Hi Q.

The motion was seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Public Service: John Sacek VA3JMS**

a) Caribou charity bike ride there was approximately 400 cyclists taking part in the event

b) Thunder Bay Marathon September 23, 2012. Two more operators are still required for The Marathon, register online at the Thunder Bay Marathon website and speak to John.

Net control will be at the marina. The race starts at 8AM. Volunteers are asked to be in position by 7:30AM.

c) CIBC Run for the cure September 30, 2012

d) Santa Claus Parade November 17, 2012

#### **4. Repeater News: Terry Stewardson VE3LU**

a) VE3YQT has been off and on due to issues with the power supply.

The issue is thought to be caused by issues from lightning. Lindo Scalese VE3NHX and Andy Malcom VE3INI went to the site and re grounded the system and there has been no further issues.

b) VE3TBR the IRLP on the repeater has been fixed the link radio replaced.  
c) VE3UPP Issues with the callsign identification is still reported as well as possible issues with the link to Atikokan. More to follow.

**5. ARES: Brad Harris VE3MXJ**

On July 18th, 2012 Karl Hamilton VE3RRP tried and tested the ARES phone tree.

Members of ARES that would like the list are asked to speak with Brad Harris VE3MXJ or Karl.

There are now four provincial sections with four managers. The manager for northern Ontario is Allen Boyd. On June 20th, 2012 Grand Marais lost all phone, internet, and 911 service. Thunder Bay ARES activated and was on standby for the outage. An article in Hi Q to come.

A Simulated Emergency Test will be taking place sometime in October more information to come.

**6. Hymers: Bob Hansen VE3RVA**

Bob reports that this year was the best year in memory with lots of interested parties.

The fair staff was very impressed with the trailer Bob also reports that they are looking into a tent type garage for the trailer

**7. New Business:**

a) James Stuart St.Cyr VE3OPD Reports his concerns with the VE3YQT repeater such as suggestions to help seal the cabinet as well as a UHF link for an autopatch.

b) Karl Hamilton VE3RRP reports that he stayed at Rainbow Falls on the Lake Superior side and was able to reach the VE3YQT repeater reliably and clearly for the duration of his stay.

c) Bob Hansen VE3RVA Santa Claus Parade. Bob reports that Mike Nawrocki will not be doing the parade this year.

**8. Elections**

Many nominations were made and many respectfully declined. Terry Stewardson VA3LU has been voted in as a director as well as Lori Bedford VE3VAI and Bill Unger VE3XT Paul Curtin VA3PDC stayed on as treasurer and Jeff Cederwall VE3JTD stayed on as Secretary.

As no vice president or president could be found Randy Gottfred VA3OJ agreed to stay on for September and October.

The meeting was ended at 8:40PM

**Support for Young Hams**

Greetings,

My name is Jeff Demers, N1SNB.

I wanted to take a quick moment to tell you about a new program to support youth activity on the HF bands.

Chances are, if you were like me, getting on the air after getting your first license was a little challenging. Parents were bugged. Pennies were saved. Numerous "compromise" measures were taken to get that first station on the air! My company, Amateur Radio Supplies LLC, of Haverhill, Massachusetts seeks to help a few lucky young hams get on the HF bands and make some contacts! Do you know any deserving young hams? We will be giving away 3 complete HF stations per year in order to support activity on the ham bands,

Details at:

<http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm>

My sincere hope is that you can spread the word to your club membership. Link the giveaway from your club website, mention it in your newsletter - anything you can do - to help make sure this program is a success is greatly appreciated. The more kids we can get on the air, the better!

If you have a young ham to nominate, email us. Otherwise individuals are invited to apply right from our website: <http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com>

Your support is greatly appreciated. The future of ham radio depends on youth activity. Please help spread the word.

73!

Jeff Demers, N1SNB

President - Amateur Radio Supplies



## North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for xxx, 2012



I would like to start this month's report highlighting those Amateurs who have stepped up to be Assistant Directors. Due to the size of North East Ontario I will never be able to visit all the corners of the region. That is why I rely on the AD's to represent RAC across the region. One long time AD has decided to take a bit of a hiatus and I especially want to thank Roy Brockelbank, VE3FOD for his assistance and help over the last 5 years. Thank you Roy. I also want to thank Dave Hayes, VE3JX for stepping in and being the AD for the SSM area. I also wish to say congratulations to another AD, Al Boyd, VE3AJB who recently received an Accolade from his employer the OPP. In a press release the OPP states in part, "Manitoulin Island Ontario Provincial Police's longest-serving full-time member has been recognized with an OPP Accolade award for his dedication to the service. The Accolade award recognizes an individual whose actions and behaviours demonstrate and/or exceed commitment to the OPP and their communities". Having met Al and his family I can also attest he is very deserving of this award. Congratulations Al.

The RAC Directors and Executive will be having our annual Strategic Planning sessions this month. This is where we determine where RAC should be going. But the most important part of this is to hear from YOU. Yes the membership, do you have ideas on the future of RAC as it is your organisation. If you have a comment please send me an email.

RAC has asked for and received legal advice on the Distracted Driving Legislation standing now that the Ontario Government has been suspended. We were advised this will have no effect on the status of the legislation and our five year extension remains. However I still suggest that you use caution when operating mobile.

As mentioned in last month's report the ARRL Sweepstakes goes this month with the CW portion on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> and the Phone test going on the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Now that Ontario has 4 sections and few contesters the sections ONN and ONE will be much sought after. Even if you're not a contester this is a great way to work some new states or get that last province you need in the log. I don't have room here to list all the rules so here is a link to the ARRL site: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

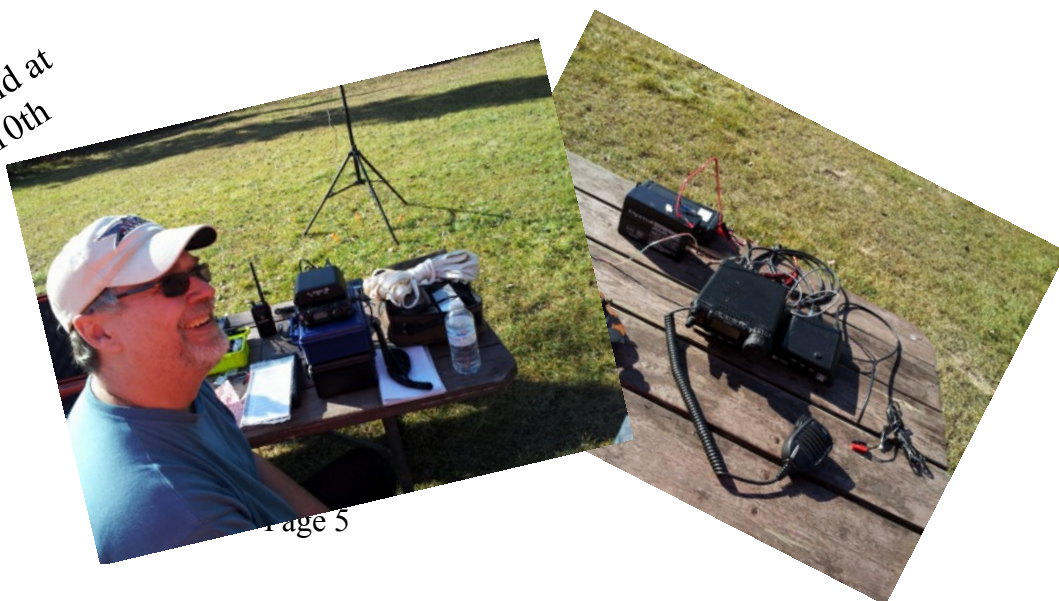
If I was operating QRP here is what I would send when responding to VA3RAC: "VA3RAC 001 Q VE3XT 70 ONN". It translates as I am working VA3RAC, he is my first QSO and I am running QRP, my call-sign is VE3XT, I was first licensed in 1970 and my section is Ontario North". Hope to work you in this one.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at [ve3xt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3xt@rac.ca).

Bill VE3XT

North East Ontario Regional Director  
Radio Amateurs of Canada

Some Scenes from JOTA held at  
Kakabeka Park October 10th



# Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

## October 2012 Treasurers Report

Balance October 01 2012 \$1,792.87

### Income

Oct 17	Dues	\$505.00
Oct 17	50/50 Draw	\$6.50

Total Income \$511.50

### Expenses

Oct 10	Tbaytel , trailer cell	\$0.57
Oct 31	Service Charge	

Total Expenses \$0.57

Balance Oct 31 2012 \$2,303.80

<u>Trailer Account</u>		
	Previous Balance	\$653.02
<u>Income</u>		
Oct 31 2012	Interest	\$0.06
Total		\$653.08
<u>Expenses</u>		
		\$0.00
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
	Balance in Trailer Account	\$653.08

### Term Account

Balance Oct 01 2012	\$2,021.74
Interest Oct 11 2012	\$0.67
Balance Oct 31 2012	\$2,022.41

### Treasurer

Paul Curtin  
VA3PDC

# November 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 LARC Meeting	9	10	11 <small>Remembrance Day</small>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		